

# Beaver County

# FACTS



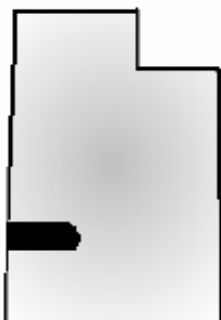
Updated February 2009

## Population

As of July 1st	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Total Population</b>	6,308	6,341	6,428	6,466	6,523
<b>% Change of the Prior Year</b>	0.4%	0.5%	1.4%	0.6%	0.9%
Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee. <a href="http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html">http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html</a>					

## City Population

As of July 1st	2007
<b>Beaver</b>	2,564
<b>Milford</b>	1,374
<b>Minersville</b>	815
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. <a href="http://www.census.gov/popest/cities">http://www.census.gov/popest/cities</a>	



## Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
<b>Labor Force</b>	2,963	3,057	3,080	3,119	3,241
<b>Employed</b>	2,807	2,919	2,950	3,025	3,155
<b>Unemployed</b>	156	138	130	94	86
<b>Rate</b>	5.3%	4.5%	4.2%	3.0%	2.7%
<b>Nonfarm Jobs</b>	1,850	1,904	1,944	1,973	2,053
<b>%Chng Prior Year</b>	-2.3%	2.9%	2.1%	1.5%	4.1%
<b>Mining</b>	51	63	59	54	66
<b>Construction</b>	80	80	87	123	144
<b>Manufacturing</b>	67	69	77	71	79
<b>Trade/Trans/Utilities</b>	505	546	549	549	565
<b>Information</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Financial Activities</b>	37	38	47	45	49
<b>Profess/Business Svcs</b>	11	14	23	28	21
<b>Ed/Health/Social Svcs</b>	48	61	63	55	61
<b>Leisure/Hospitality</b>	356	324	324	331	337
<b>Other Services</b>	31	38	37	44	41
<b>Government</b>	664	677	678	673	690
<b>Agriculture*</b>	519	498	482	449	489
<b>Total Establishments</b>	196	208	218	219	213
<b>Total Wages (\$Millions)</b>	43.0	46.6	50.2	52.9	56.8

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.  
<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoLaborforce.do> <http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>  
 \* Jobs covered by unemployment insurance laws; not included in nofarm jobs total.

Beaver County has changed dramatically over the past several years. Agriculture has come to play a much larger role in the county's economy. In recent years, Beaver County has experienced little population growth. On the other hand, unemployment has remained relatively low.

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## —Robust Job Gains

In recent years, Beaver County's economy has vacillated between job loss and lukewarm job gains. During 2007, while most areas experienced slowing job growth, Beaver County employment expansion actually took a turn for the better. Not surprisingly, unemployment continued to decline. On the other hand, construction followed the national trend with declining residential activity on top of a slowdown in commercial building. Early data for 2008 shows Beaver County continuing its job-growth ways.

### Population

In 2007, the Utah Population Estimates Committee pegged Beaver County's population at slightly less than 6,500 individuals—a 0.6 percent increase from 2006. While Beaver County's population continues to grow, its rate ranks noticeably below the state average for population growth (3.2 percent). While 2006 marked the first year since 2002 that Beaver County experienced net in-migration (more moved in than moved out), in 2007, net in-migration evaporated.

### The Labor Market

Judged solely on unemployment rates, Beaver County's labor market looked spectacular. Joblessness measured only 2.7 percent in 2007—down from a low 3.0 percent just a year earlier. This decline in joblessness reflects a general trend across the state of Utah.

Employment expanded at a robust rate in 2007. Beaver County added roughly 80 new nonfarm jobs, for a growth rate of 4.1 percent—roughly equal to the statewide figure. On the other hand, if covered agricultural positions (jobs covered by unemployment insurance laws) are included, job totals rose by 120 positions.

During 2007, covered agriculture added the largest number of new jobs. In addition, trade/transportation/utilities, mining, construction, and government also made notable job contributions. Only other services

and professional/business services lost a small number of positions.

The public sector (which includes public education) accounted for the largest share (27 percent) of Beaver County's total employment in 2007. In addition, trade/transportation/utilities (22 percent), and agricultural employment covered by unemployment insurance laws (19 percent), showed large employment shares.

### Wages

In 2007, Beaver County's average monthly wage measured \$2,307, up more than 3 percent from 2006 and just enough to outpace inflation. Even with a moderate increase in average monthly wages, Beaver County's wage slipped to 76 percent of the state average in 2007. However, for Beaver County, this still ranks relatively high. In 2001, the average measured only 70 percent of the statewide figure. Not surprisingly Beaver County ranks in the bottom half of Utah counties. In 2007, mining showed the highest average monthly wage in Beaver County—followed closely by manufacturing.

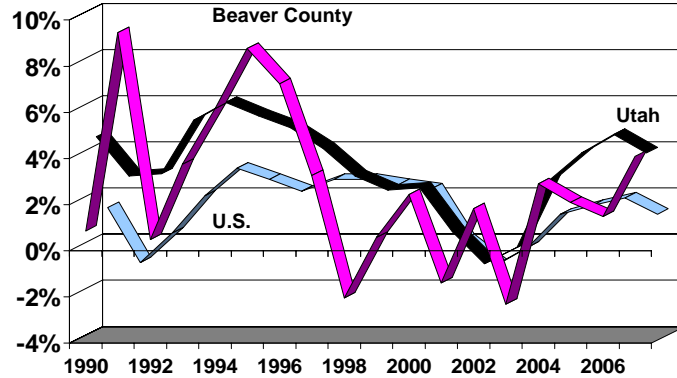
### Other Indicators

During 2007, Beaver County's hot construction market took a step backward. Overall, authorized construction values dropped 26 percent. However, activity in both the residential and nonresidential markets remained high in historical terms. In addition, gross taxable sales made strong gains.

### Into 2008. . .

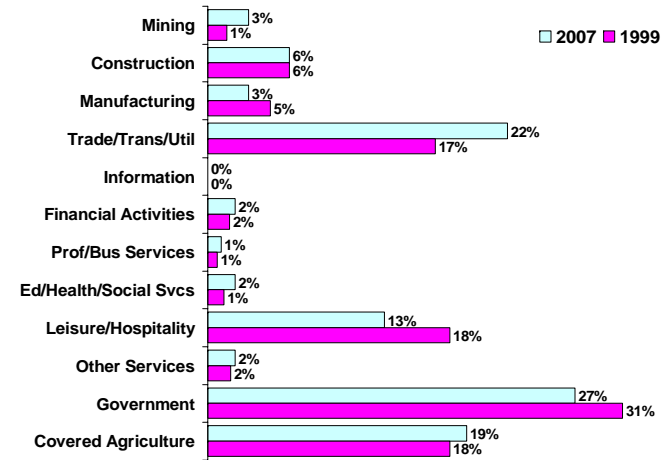
When agricultural jobs covered under the unemployment insurance laws (the source of our data) are included, Beaver County's job growth popped above the 6-percent mark during the first quarter of 2008. In other words, Beaver County's economy appears strong and robust. On the home-building front, Beaver County residential permitting came to a virtual halt during the first five months of the year. However, an \$8-million power plant permit helped boost total figures dramatically.

## Beaver County Nonfarm Jobs



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

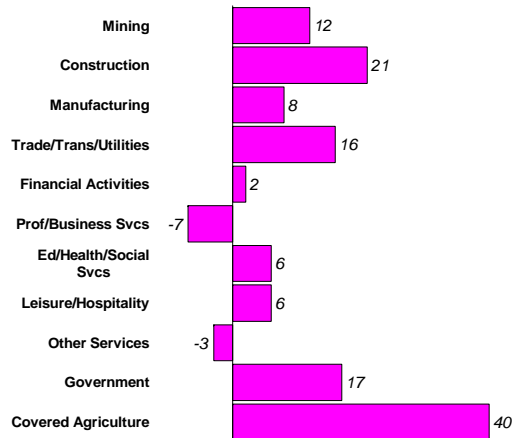
## Beaver County Industrial Job Distribution\*



\*Includes covered agriculture.

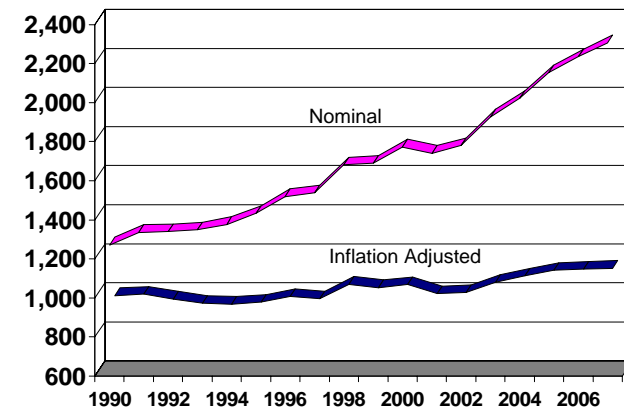
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## 2007 Beaver County Numeric Change in Jobs by Industry



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

## Beaver County Average Monthly Wage



Note: Inflation adjusted wages reflect the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index, 1982-84=100.  
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

# Income and Wages

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
<b>Total Personal Income (\$Millions)</b>	138.3	164.5	175.3	152.9	NA
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	23,024	27,365	28,793	25,017	NA
<b>Median Household Income Estimates</b>	38,309	41,205	38,822	42,567	39,465
<b>Average Monthly Nonfarm Wage</b>	1,936	2,025	2,154	2,236	2,307

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau, Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/>

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipa/>

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalimis/gotoIndustry.do>

# Sales and Building

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008p
<b>Gross Taxable Sales (\$000s)</b>	42,100	61,908	61,394	84,040	NA
<b>Permit Authorized Construction (\$000)</b>	4,058	4,058	21,453	15,843	33,637
<b>New Residential Building Permits</b>	22	36	68	54	27
<b>Residential Build Permits Value (\$000)</b>	2,747	8,643	12,476	9,379	5,167

Source: Utah Tax Commission and University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income>

<http://www.business.utah.edu/bebr/>

## Demographics

	2000
Under 18	33.5%
65 years and over	13.9%
Median Age	30.8
Persons per Household	2.95
Persons per Family	3.42
Female-Headed Families	9.0%
High School Graduates	83.2%
College Graduates	12.1%
Labor Force	
Female Participation	55.9%
Male Participation	65.1%
Self-Employed	8.0%
Commute Time (minutes)	17.1
Median Family Income	\$39,253
Median Earnings	
Male, full-time, year-rnd	\$31,083
Female, full-time, yr-rnd	\$17,635
Persons Below Poverty	8.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

## Largest Employers

Circle Four Farms  
 Beaver County School District  
 Beaver Valley Hospital  
 Union Pacific Railroad  
 Beaver County  
 Milford Valley Healthcare Svcs  
 United Parcel Service  
 Mike's Food Town  
 High Country Texaco  
 Clark Bradshaw Trucking  
 Rinker Materials Corp  
 State of Utah  
 McDonalds  
 Ernie's Truck Plaza  
 Beaver Valley Chevron  
 Western Utah Copper  
 Beaver City  
 Wendy's

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services.

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## Other

Population by Race	2000
White	91.4%
Black	0.3%
American Indian	0.9%
Asian	0.6%
Pacific Islanders	0.1%
Other	1.2%
Hispanic/All Races	5.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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## For More Information . . .



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